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LegCo to debate a motion for the adjournment of the Council on the fire tragedy at Fa Yuen Street in Mong Kok

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting this Wednesday (December 7) at 11 am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, Members will move a motion for the adjournment of the Council on the fire tragedy at Fa Yuen Street in Mong Kok.

The motion, to be moved by Hon James TO, states: "That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of debating the following issue: the fire tragedy at Fa Yuen Street in Mong Kok and ways to improve street environment and fire safety of buildings for the purposes of avoiding the recurrence of similar incidents and safeguarding the lives and properties of the public."

Members will debate another motion on reforming governance philosophy, resolving deep-rooted conflicts in society and alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor. The motion, to be moved by Hon Frederick FUNG, states: "That, given that the worsening of deep-rooted conflicts in society, the persistently low popularity of the Government and the numerous blunders in policy implementation all highlight that the existing political system and even social and economic policies, etc. lag far behind the prevailing circumstances, and there is a huge gap between the authorities' governance philosophy and people's expectations; and as a change of government is approaching and the Chief Executive Election is near, this Council urges all social sectors to abandon partisan or political biases, explore in depth and rationally the success, failure, gains and losses of past government policy implementation,

reposition the roles and functions of the new government in the future, reform governance philosophy, establish a set of principles of development for all people that give consideration to all social strata, formulate comprehensive and fair social and economic policies, and set up a democratic and open political system, with a view to completely resolving deep-rooted conflicts in society, alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor, and building a truly stable, harmonious and just society."

Hon IP Kwok-him, Hon Audrey EU and Hon Albert CHAN will move amendments to Hon Frederick FUNG's motion respectively.

On bills, the Buildings Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2011 will be introduced into the Council for First and Second Readings. Debate on the Bill will be adjourned. Members will also resume Second Reading debates on the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011 and the Pyramid Schemes Prohibition Bill. If the Bills are supported by Members and receive their Second Readings, they will then go through the Committee Stage and be read the Third time.

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon James TO, Hon WONG Yuk-man, Hon Alan LEONG and Hon Starry LEE will ask five questions under Rule 24(4) of the Rules of Procedure on the fire tragedy at Fa Yuen Street in Mong Kok. Besides, Members will also ask the Administration 20 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo website (http://www.legco.gov.hk). Please note that the agenda is subject to change, and the latest information about the agenda could be found in the LegCo website.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the meeting from the public galleries of the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. They may reserve seats by calling 3919 3399 during office hours. Seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the public can also

watch or listen to the meeting via the web broadcast system on the LegCo website.

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